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## **2010 Insurance Fraud Annual Report**

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Correspondence to the General Assembly regarding the 2010 Insurance Fraud Annual Report

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**CUMULATIVE STATISTICS OF THE  
INSURANCE FRAUD DIVISION  
1995 - 2010**

TOTAL COMPLAINTS RECEIVED	10,352
TOTAL FILES OPENED	6,414
CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS	1,275
CIVIL REMEDIES	728

<b>Type of Fraud</b>	<b>Amount Reported</b>
Personal/Commercial Property	\$19,667,546.86
Life Insurance	\$15,573,453.44
Automobile Insurance	\$12,138,570.13
Health/Medical	\$9,726,605.72
Workers' Compensation	\$8,771,510.67
Premium	\$8,471,548.84
Disability	\$6,903,706.44
Other	\$6,760,193.94
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$88,013,136.04</u></b>

<b>Types of Monies Collected</b>	<b>Amount Ordered</b>
Criminal Restitution	\$4,818,270.24
Civil Penalties	\$1,520,867.42
Civil Restitution	\$1,136,091.66
Criminal Fines	\$330,681.03
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$7,805,910.35</u></b>

**SUMMARY**  
*Status of Cases – 2010*

**Complaints**

Complaints Carried Forward from 2009	213
Complaints Received in 2010	596
Complaints Referred to other Agencies	59
Complaints Unfounded or Declined	184
Files Opened 2010	220
Complaints Carried Forward to 2011	189

**Open Files**

Files Opened in 2010	220
Open Files Disposed of 2010	232
Open Files on December 31, 2010	774
Open Files under SLED Investigation as of 12/31/10	627

**Disposition**

2010 Convictions	75
2010 Civil Remedies	53

**On the Docket**

Indicted Cases as of December 31, 2010	113
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## **MONIES ORDERED AND/OR COLLECTED IN 2010**

### *Criminal Penalties, Civil Penalties, Fines and Restitution*

The following tables indicate the amounts of fines, penalties, restitution and attorneys' fees that have been ordered paid by the Courts or by a Memorandum of Understanding.

#### **Monies Ordered and/or Collected Pursuant to Court Order**

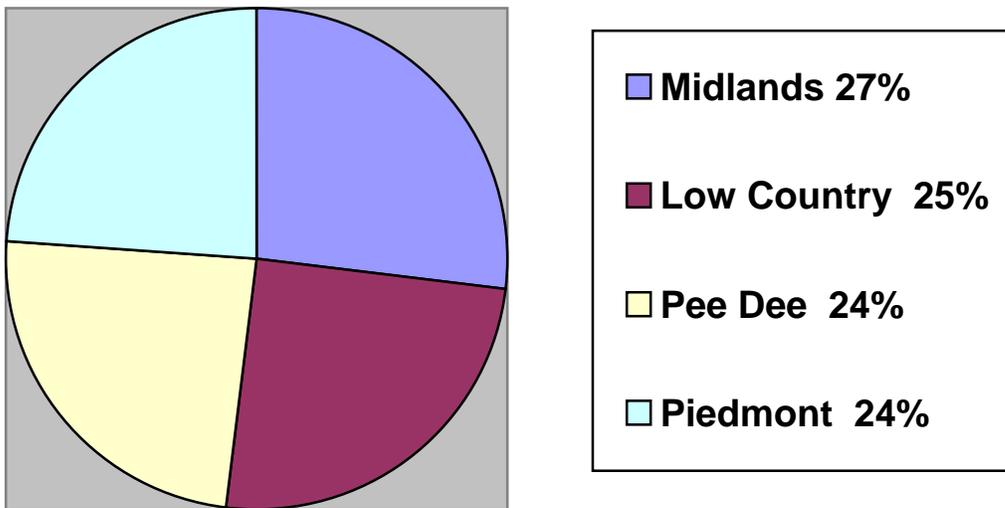
<b>CRIMINAL</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Court Ordered Fines	\$14,850.00
Restitution Ordered	\$305,866.16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$320,716.16</u></b>

#### **Monies Ordered and/or Collected Pursuant to Civil Disposition**

<b>CIVIL</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Fines Ordered	\$89,530.69
Fines Collected	\$89,530.69
Restitution Ordered	\$10,402.90
Restitution Collected	\$10,402.90
<b>TOTAL ORDERED</b>	<b><u>\$99,933.59</u></b>
<b>TOTAL COLLECTED</b>	<b><u>\$99,933.59</u></b>

## BREAKDOWN OF CASES BY REGION

During 2010, the Insurance Fraud Division of the Attorney General's office opened 220 cases. As the chart below indicates, these cases were received from all areas of the state:



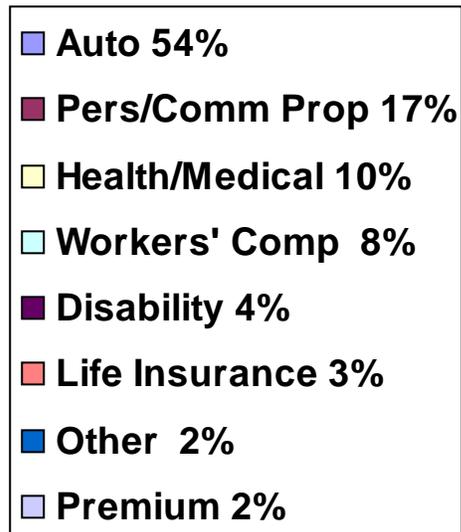
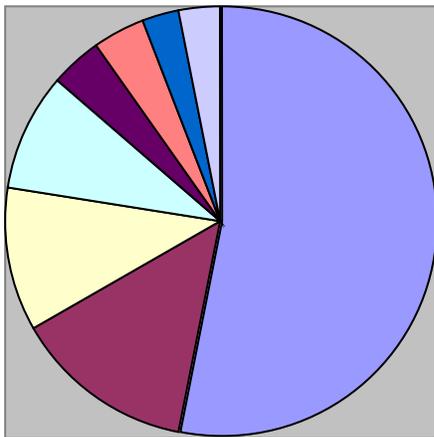
REGION	NUMBER OF CASES	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Midlands	60	27%
Low Country	55	25%
Pee Dee	53	24%
Piedomnt	52	24%
TOTAL	220	100%

## BREAKDOWN OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY TYPE

The fraud complaints received during 2010 by the Insurance Fraud Division consisted of the following types of fraud:

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Percentage of Total	Amount Reported
Automobile	324	54%	\$575,283.10
Personal/Commercial Property	104	17%	\$609,503.32
Health/Medical	61	10%	\$1,286,951.58
Workers' Compensation	45	8%	\$40,326.80
Disability	26	4%	\$274,740.36
Life Insurance	15	3%	\$124,997.34
Other	11	2%	\$61,816.25
Premium	10	2%	\$213,525.90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b><u>\$3,187,844.65</u></b>

Breakdown of Complaints by Type of Fraud – 2010



## BREAKDOWN OF COMPLAINTS BY COUNTY

*Note: Tables may show cases reported with no corresponding dollar amounts. In these cases, no dollar amount could be determined at the time the complaint was received, or the claim had been withdrawn or denied.*

### ABBEVILLE COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	4	0	1
Life Insurance	1	0	0
Workers' Comp	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

### AIKEN COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	6	0	2
Disability	1	\$65,875.00	0
Health/Medical	1	0	0
Personal/Commercial Property	3	0	1
Workers' Comp	2	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>\$65,875.00</b>	<b>3</b>

### ALLENDALE COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## ANDERSON COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	7	0	3
Disability	1	0	0
Health/Medical	6	\$1,177,100.00	1
Personal/Commercial Property	4	0	0
Workers' Comp	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>\$1,177,100.00</b>	<b>4</b>

## BAMBERG COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## BARNWELL COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	2	\$9,000.00	0
Personal/Commercial Property	4	\$29,109.96	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$38,109.96</b>	<b>3</b>

## BEAUFORT COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	2	0	1
Disability	3	\$53,100.00	0
Health/Medical	4	0	2
Personal/Commercial Property	1	0	0
Workers' Comp	1	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>\$53,100.00</b>	<b>4</b>

## BERKELEY COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	5	\$957.16	2
Personal/Commercial Property	1	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$957.16</b>	<b>3</b>

## CALHOUN COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## CHARLESTON COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	31	\$114,700.80	14
Disability	3	\$19,334.17	1
Health/Medical	8	\$51,805.00	3
Life Insurance	2	\$40,000.00	0
Other	2	0	0
Personal/Commercial Property	3	\$4,058.00	2
Premium Fraud	3	0	1
Workers' Comp	3	\$12,245.80	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>\$242,143.77</b>	<b>22</b>

## CHEROKEE COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	6	0	1
Personal/Commercial Property	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

## CHESTER COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	5	0	2
Personal/Commercial Property	2	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

## CHESTERFIELD COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	6	\$9,014.85	2
Life Insurance	1	0	0
Personal/Commercial Property	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$9,014.85</b>	<b>2</b>

## CLARENDON COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Personal/Commercial Property	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## COLLETON COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	5	0	2
Health/Medical	1	\$25,000.00	0
Personal/Commercial Property	3	\$5,425.00	1
Workers' Comp	2	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>\$30,425.00</b>	<b>4</b>

## DARLINGTON COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	8	\$12,625.00	3
Personal/Commercial Property	3	\$97,279.51	3
Premium Fraud	1	\$4,192.00	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>\$114,097.41</b>	<b>6</b>

## DILLON COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	2	0	0
Other	1	\$44,170.06	0
Personal/Commercial Property	2	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$44,710.06</b>	<b>1</b>

## DORCHESTER COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	9	\$8,545.50	1
Health/Medical	1	0	0
Personal/Commercial Property	3	\$16,000.00	0
Workers' Comp	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>\$24,545.50</b>	<b>1</b>

## EDGEFIELD COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	1	\$3,845.00	1
Other	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$3,845.00</b>	<b>1</b>

## FAIRFIELD COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	4	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

## FLORENCE COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	14	\$45,600.00	4
Health/Medical	1	0	1
Personal/Commercial Property	2	0	1
Workers' Comp	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>\$45,600.00</b>	<b>6</b>

## GEORGETOWN COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	6	\$17,200.00	3
Personal/Commercial Property	2	0	0
Workers' Comp	3	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>\$17,200.00</b>	<b>3</b>

## GREENVILLE COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	29	\$20,821.69	7
Disability	4	\$33,827.00	1
Health/Medical	3	\$17,005.00	0
Life Insurance	3	\$80,000.00	0
Personal/Commercial Property	9	0	3
Premium Fraud	1	0	0
Workers' Comp	6	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>\$151,653.69</b>	<b>11</b>

## GREENWOOD COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	6	0	2
Health/Medical	1	0	1
Personal/Commercial Property	1	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>

## HAMPTON COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	1	0	0
Workers' Comp	1	\$15,074.00	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$15,074.00</b>	<b>0</b>

## HORRY COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	22	\$32,747.31	11
Disability	4	\$19,215.22	0
Health/Medical	5	\$5,458.40	0
Life Insurance	2	0	0
Personal/Commercial Property	5	0	3
Premium Fraud	2	\$181,660.00	0
Workers' Comp	4	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>\$239,080.93</b>	<b>15</b>

## JASPER COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	3	0	1
Disability	1	\$60,345.00	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$60,345.00</b>	<b>1</b>

## KERSHAW COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	2	0	0
Life Insurance	2	\$2,203.00	0
Personal/Commercial Property	2	0	0
Workers' Comp	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>\$2,203.00</b>	<b>0</b>

## LANCASTER COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	5	0	3
Health/Medical	1	\$200.00	1
Other	1	\$5,661.00	0
Personal/Commercial Property	1	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$5,861.00</b>	<b>5</b>

## LAURENS COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	9	0	5
Disability	1	\$3,140.14	0
Health/Medical	1	0	0
Personal/Commercial Property	4	0	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>\$3,140.14</b>	<b>9</b>

## LEE COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	3	\$9,000.00	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$9,000.00</b>	<b>3</b>

## LEXINGTON COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	19	\$31,818.77	8
Disability	1	0	0
Health/Medical	3	0	1
Other	1	0	0
Personal/Commercial Property	6	\$36,789.48	1
Premium Fraud	1	0	0
Workers' Comp	3	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>\$68,608.25</b>	<b>10</b>

## MARION COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	4	0	1
Personal/Commercial Property	2	0	0
Premium Fraud	1	\$27,673.00	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>\$27,673.00</b>	<b>1</b>

## MARLBORO COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	1	0	0
Disability	1	0	0
Health/Medical	2	0	0
Workers' Comp	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## MCCORMICK COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Health/Medical	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## NEWBERRY COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	4	\$1,984.00	2
Personal/Commercial Property	2	\$61,452.40	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$63,436.40</b>	<b>2</b>

## OCONEE COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	3	0	1
Disability	1	\$937.83	0
Personal/Commercial Property	1	\$5,905.00	0
Workers' Comp	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$6,842.83</b>	<b>1</b>

## ORANGEBURG COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	7	0	2
Disability	1	\$420.00	0
Health/Medical	3	0	0
Life Insurance	1	\$2,794.34	1
Personal/Commercial Property	3	\$4,600.00	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>\$7,814.34</b>	<b>5</b>

## PICKENS COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	3	\$17,500.00	1
Health/Medical	1	\$2,883.18	0
Personal/Commercial Property	1	\$3,495.12	1
Workers' Comp	2	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>\$23,878.30</b>	<b>3</b>

## RICHLAND COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	33	\$14,396.56	11
Health/Medical	6	\$300.00	0
Other	3	\$6,032.19	1
Personal/Commercial Property	17	\$167,369.65	4
Workers' Comp	3	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>\$188,098.40</b>	<b>17</b>

## SALUDA COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## SPARTANBURG COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	15	\$15,186.64	6
Disability	2	\$13,044.00	0
Health/Medical	1	0	0
Life Insurance	1	0	0
Other	1	\$5,953.00	0
Personal/Commercial Property	5	\$47,310.83	2
Premium Fraud	1	0	0
Workers' Comp	3	\$3,007.00	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>\$84,501.47</b>	<b>8</b>

## SUMTER COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	16	\$208,859.82	9
Health/Medical	1	0	0
Life Insurance	1	0	0
Personal/Commercial Property	5	\$24,215.37	1
Workers' Comp	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>\$233,075.19</b>	<b>10</b>

## UNION COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	3	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

## WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	7	\$1,480.00	2
Disability	1	\$5,502.00	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$6,982.00</b>	<b>2</b>

## YORK COUNTY

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Automobile	3	0	2
Disability	1	0	1
Health/Medical	7	0	3
Personal/Commercial Property	4	\$106,493.00	2
Workers' Comp	2	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>\$106,493.00</b>	<b>8</b>

## UNKNOWN/OTHER/OUT OF STATE

Type of Fraud	Number of Complaints	Total Amount Reported	2010 Complaints Pending
Health/Medical	3	\$7,200.00	1
Life Insurance	1	0	1
Other	1	0	1
Workers' Comp	2	\$10,000.00	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>\$17,200.00</b>	<b>4</b>

# SELECTED STATUTES FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS PERTAINING TO THE INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF INSURANCE FRAUD and GLASS COUPONING

## § 38-55-530. Definitions.

As used in this article:

(A) "Authorized agency" means any duly constituted criminal investigative department or agency of the United States or of this State; the Department of Insurance; the Department of Revenue; the Department of Public Safety; the Workers' Compensation Commission; the State Accident Fund; the Second Injury Fund; the Employment Security Commission; the Department of Consumer Affairs; the Human Affairs Commission; the Department of Health and Environmental Control; the Department of Social Services; the Department of Health and Human Services; the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation; all other state boards, commissions, and agencies; the Office of the Attorney General of South Carolina; or the prosecuting attorney of any judicial circuit, county, municipality, or political subdivision of this State or of the United States, and their respective employees or personnel acting in their official capacity.

(B) "Insurer" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 38-1-20(25) and includes any authorized insurer, self-insurer, reinsurer, broker, producer, or any agent thereof.

(C) "Person" means any natural person, company, corporation, unincorporated association, partnership, professional corporation, or other legal entity and includes any applicant, policyholder, claimant, medical providers, vocational rehabilitation provider, attorney, agent, insurer, fund, or advisory organization.

(D) "False statement and misrepresentation" means a statement or representation made by a person that is false, material, made with the person's knowledge of the falsity of the statement, and made with the intent of obtaining or causing another to obtain or attempting to obtain or causing another to obtain an undeserved economic advantage or benefit or made with the intent to deny or cause another to deny any benefit or payment in connection with an insurance transaction and such shall constitute fraud.

**§ 38-55-540. Criminal penalties for making false statement or misrepresentation, or assisting, abetting, soliciting or conspiring to do so; restitution to victims.**

(A) A person who knowingly makes a false statement or misrepresentation, and any other person knowingly, with an intent to injure, defraud, or deceive, or who assists, abets, solicits, or conspires with a person to make a false statement or misrepresentation, is guilty of a:

- (1) misdemeanor, for a first offense violation, if the amount of the economic advantage or benefit received is less than one thousand dollars. Upon conviction, the person must be fined not less than one hundred nor more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days;
- (2) misdemeanor, for a first offense violation, if the amount of the economic advantage or benefit received is one thousand dollars or more but less than ten thousand dollars. Upon conviction, the person must be fined not less than two thousand nor more than ten thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than three years, or both;
- (3) felony, for a first offense violation, if the amount of the economic advantage or benefit received is ten thousand dollars or more but less than fifty thousand dollars. Upon conviction, the person must be fined not less than ten thousand nor more than fifty thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than five years, or both;
- (4) felony, for a first offense violation, if the amount of the economic advantage or benefit received is fifty thousand dollars or more. Upon conviction, the person must be fined not less than twenty thousand nor more than one hundred thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both;
- (5) felony, for a second or subsequent violation, regardless of the amount of the economic advantage or benefit received. Upon conviction, the person must be fined not less than twenty thousand nor more than one hundred thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both.

(B) In addition to the criminal penalties set forth in subsection (A), a person convicted pursuant to the provisions of this section must be ordered by the court to make full restitution to a victim for any economic advantage or benefit which has been obtained by the person

as a result of that violation, and to pay the difference between any taxes owed and any taxes the person paid, if applicable."

**§ 38-55-170. Presenting false claims for payment.**

A person who knowingly causes to be presented a false claim for payment to an insurer transacting business in this State, to a health maintenance organization transacting business in this State, or to any person, including the State of South Carolina, providing benefits for health care in this State, whether these benefits are administered directly or through a third person, or who knowingly assists, solicits, or conspires with another to present a false claim for payment as described above, is guilty of a:

(1) felony if the amount of the claim is ten thousand dollars or more. Upon conviction, the person must be imprisoned not more than ten years or fined not more than five thousand dollars, or both;

(2) felony if the amount of the claim is more than two thousand dollars but less than five thousand dollars. Upon conviction, the person must be fined in the discretion of the court or imprisoned not more than five years, or both;

(3) misdemeanor triable in magistrate's court if the amount of the claim is two thousand dollars or less. Upon conviction, the person must be fined or imprisoned not more than is permitted by law without presentment or indictment by the grand jury.

**§ 38-55-550. Civil penalties for violations of article; costs; payment; use of revenues; Attorney General to assist Insurance Fraud Division; consent agreements.**

(A) In addition to any criminal liability, any person who is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to have violated any provision of this article, including Section 38-55-170, is subject to a civil penalty for each violation as follows:

(1) for a first offense, a fine not to exceed five thousand dollars;

(2) for a second offense, a fine of not less than five thousand dollars but not to exceed ten thousand dollars;

(3) for a third and subsequent offense, a fine of not less than ten thousand dollars but not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars.

(B) The civil penalty must be paid to the director of the Insurance Fraud Division to be used in accordance with subsection (D) of this section. The court may also award court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees to the director. When requested by the director, the Attorney General may assign one or more deputies attorneys general to assist the bureau in any civil court proceedings against the person.

(C) Nothing in subsections (A) and (B) shall be construed to prohibit the director of the Insurance Fraud Division and the person alleged to be guilty of a violation of this article from entering into a written agreement in which the person does not admit or deny the charges but consents to payment of the civil penalty. A consent agreement may not be used in a subsequent civil or criminal proceeding relating to any violation of this article.

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It is an unfair trade practice and unlawful for a person who is acting on behalf of or engaged in a vehicle glass repair business to offer or make a payment or transfer money or other consideration to:

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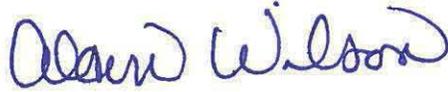
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